

UNIV OF CINCINNATI
18 February 1976

25 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The DDI
The A/DCI

SUBJECT: Report on Speaking Engagement at University
of Cincinnati, 18 February 1976

1. At your joint request I made arrangements in January to speak at the University of Cincinnati Winter Quarter Red, White and Blue speakers series. Organizer for the event was Chad Solomon, a student (senior, Political Science) who is President of the Student Program Board. We agreed on the date, that there would be no off campus advertising and that the press would not be invited to attend. We both understood that it would be impossible to prevent news reporting of the event if someone chose to do so.

2. When I arrived in Cincinnati I found that my appearance had been announced by a series of posters around campus. The campus newspaper had failed to run an announcement because of their decision not to publish on the Washington's Birthday holiday. In an effort to insure sufficient attendance at the meeting, Chad Solomon had told the city newspapers on 17 February (Enquirer and Post) that I was coming on 18 February. He hoped that students would see the article there, if not in the campus press. I do not believe the city papers ran the story, though Chad is trying to find out. The local media certainly knew I was coming, however.

3. I was to speak to a group of 100-150 students in a lounge of the Student Union at U.C. at 1230. During lunch, Chad went to check the room to be certain that a microphone had been set up for me, and chairs for the audience. When he returned, he said that a television cameraman was there, reporters from at least one TV station, some radio stations, two newspapers, and the campus FM station that broadcasts throughout Cincinnati. (There were about eight microphones on the table.) I told Chad that I didn't want to turn the event into a press conference. He left the handling of the press to me. I called the A/DCI long distance to go on record with the problem, and proceeded to the meeting.

4. When I was introduced, I said that some weeks earlier I had been invited to talk on 18 February, that my speech would

inadvertantly follow the President's by only a few hours, and that I did not believe it appropriate for me to appear to be interpreting either the President or Mr. Bush for the media. I had come to speak to students about intelligence in the foreign policy process. I did not wish to be recorded, but told the press they could stay if they wished. Only representatives from two newspapers, and one photographer, stayed.

5. I talked from a text and notes that I had prepared for the DDI to use at the Minority Employment Conference in October. It was a presentation that outlined how the community and the Agency are organized to do their work, and described the variety of services performed in a general way. I made regular reference to a copy of the 1947 Act. Based upon what the President had said the night before, I suggested general ways that the organization of the Intelligence Community might change.

6. I spoke from about 1245 until 1445, including a long period of questions from the crowd of about 100 people. I would class most of the questions as "fair with an edge." The representative of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) spoke on about three occasions during the question and answer session, but seemed unable to get the crowd interested in her approach ("the government, in all of its manifestations, does not serve the people's interest"). YSA had also passed out handbills in my honor (copy attached).

7. Among questioners, there was much interest in covert action, how it was approved/initiated, whether it was proper. There was concern that CIA had not adequately informed the Congress over the years, and that Congress had failed in its oversight function. Some wondered if Director Bush was too political to be DCI. There were questions and charges about assassination, including the Kennedy and King cases. One fellow was critical of our "inability" to predict events when there was ample information (he had nearly been killed in the Tet offensive). A number of people asked how to get a job.

8. I went from this talk to a small (15) freshman honors class in Political Science. I spoke and answered questions for about an hour. They were interested in the Executive-Congressional aspects of foreign affairs and foreign intelligence. One student in the class was a cub reporter for the campus newspaper. He taped the session with my permission, though his machine malfunctioned throughout the hour.

He guaranteed that he would not write for the professional press, and the professor, Barbara Bardes, was sure to hold him to his pledge. She asked several questions to guide the group, and displayed a sophisticated understanding of the D.C. environment.

9. After dinner, I spoke for about two hours to a small (12-15) group of students from the Student Political Science Association. I was competing with a cross-town basketball rivalry, so attendance was low. This was a sound group of students. They asked the best questions of the day, zeroing in on some of the philosophical aspects of the conduct of foreign policy. They had neither more nor less concern about the proper role of intelligence than a group of 12-15 CIA professionals might have had. However they felt about intelligence as individuals, they each seemed to have a very realistic view of the world.

10. The series of talks was successful. The Agency received fairly broad exposure on campus and in a relaxed way that did not indicate fear or unwillingness to deal with either truth or allegations. Such appearances should be repeated whenever the opportunity arises.

STATSPEC 11. I took along a number of unclassified reference aids (from [redacted] CRS, OER, OPR, OGCR), and told the students that such aids are available for sale to the public. They were impressed. I left the pack, along with copies of the Bush and Colby confirmation hearings, with the Political Science Department. They will be loaned to any interested students (the library seemed to be low in the confidence of the students as a repository for anything to which they wished access).

12. If I have one strong impression from the trip, it is that most of the students -- the brightest, the leaders, the followers, the academic strugglers -- are basically suspicious of the government. Not so profound an observation, perhaps; yet, my own college generation was suspicious and cynical in a different way. Most of us "joined" the government or the corporations believing that our skepticism would be relieved by real experience. These students seem much more likely to enter the government or corporations because of their skepticism. They want to change things. They don't believe that real experience will disprove what they now

"know." They are more polite than the kids of the sixties, and more whole. They seem determined that whatever "the system" is, it should stress public responsibility.

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Coordinator for Academic Relations

Attachments:

"CIA Threat" flier

Base correspondence and notes

One line from Cincinnati 11 p.m. news (channel 12, ABC)

Political Freedom

The speaker at this Wednesday' Red, White, and Blue series forum, will try to convince us that the crimes of the CIA are necessary for "upholding the rights of the free world" or are in the interest of "national security."

Assassination attempts, military and economic support to right wing and fascist governments, surveillance and victimization of anti-war leaders, campus groups, foreign students, Black organizations, women's liberation activists, and socialists have all been admitted to by the CIA.

-ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS

The CIA has admitted to attempting or having plotted the deaths of Salvadore Allende of Chile, Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, Fidel Castro, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and others.

-SUPPORT TO DICTATORSHIPS

Economic and military support have found their way to the Franco regime in Spain, Salazaar and Caetano in Portugal, the Shah of Iran, Marcos in the Phillipines, Rhee in South Korea, and Pinochet's junta in Chile.

-OPERATION CHAOS

Surveillance and "disruption" tactics similar to the FBI's Cointelpro operations, used against a very wide variety of political activists, campus groups, foreign students, Black Organizations, and others.

-COVERT OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA

Recently, the CIA has been actively recruiting mercenaries to fight in Angola, and has been supplying armaments and napalm, at the expense of, not in the interests of, the Angolans, and the American people's right to decide on our foreign policy.

The Young Socialist Alliance believes that the CIA should be abolished, and not replaced or "guided" by the congress or its "oversight" committee, or the president. It has been fully documented that the past six presidents, at least, and congresses under them have been aware of, and gave approval if not the original orders, to carry out the illegal activities of this agency. Much of the documentation released, has been a result of the Political Rights Defense Fund suit, whose plaintiffs are the Young Socialist Alliance, Socialist Workers Party, and others. The defense of everyone's democratic rights is at stake in this case. The axis of this case is the question: Does the First Amendment protect the free speech of everyone including those who actively oppose administration policy? If you are interested in finding out more about this suit, fill out and mail the coupon at bottom, to: YSA, Box #340, Tangemann Center.

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- I want more information on the Socialist Workers Party Campaign.
 - I want to join the YSA.

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3	Review phone conversation -		
4	please take this task. ed		
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6	DDI		

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Remarks:

This is the U.S. of Cincinnati proposition. Do you, then, have a non-^{old} O.T. to offer up? We'll cope. AT

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<p>Angus--</p> <p>Per our telecon, I will attend for the Agency. You will answer the letter in the first instance. I prefer 18 Feb, but 11 Feb would be all right. I'll be down to study soon.</p> <p>STATINTL</p>		
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University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

OFFICE OF STUDENT GROUPS
AND UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

DDI- 83-76

January 3, 1976

Mr. Angus Thuermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

The University of Cincinnati Student Speakers Bureau is planning its Red, White and Blue speakers series for Winter Quarter, 1976. The series, entitled "Politics, Policy and Power," is scheduled for Wednesdays at 12:30 PM throughout the months of January, February and March. We would be especially pleased to have a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency included in our series.

The C.I.A. is an important and necessary Agency of our government. At the present time, though, the Agency has come under sharp criticism and even Congressional attack for its operations. Allegations concerning covert activity both at home and abroad abound, with charges ranging from the equipping and controlling of private armies and involvement in political assassination to the charge that the Agency is a freewheeling and uncontrolled force with secret directives and motives. I feel that it is now important for the Agency to re-educate the American people to the purpose and function of the C.I.A.

I would like to invite a representative of the C.I.A. to campus, to discuss the role of the Agency in the framework of American government. This would possibly include an examination of the operations of the C.I.A. in foreign countries, a discussion of the Agency as an intelligence gatherer, and insight to the formation and implementation of Agency policy. A consideration of the Agency as a tool in domestic and foreign policy and its role in our national security might also be discussed. An examination of the charges made against the C.I.A., and a rebuttal to them, would be in order, and is invited.

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The format is as formal or informal as would be desired. We will be using a medium sized lounge for the presentation, and the expected audience size would range from 75 to 150 persons. The speaker might prepare a talk from 45 minutes to an hour in length, and would have approximately 30 minutes to answer general questions from the floor.

Concerning the date of the C.I.A. presentation, I realize that the availability of representatives with the background and ability for such a presentation, and the desire to speak to a university audience, is not constant. The dates of February 11 and 18 are particularly convenient, if arrangements could be made for either. Other open dates remain if a highly qualified representative who you feel would best fit the bill is unavailable on those dates. With sufficient notice, I would be happy to fit the date to your convenience.

Any special arrangements or suggestions for topic matter would be discussed gladly. I would be more than glad to answer any other questions or provide more information to you. I hope to hear from you soon so that I can work out any scheduling problems that might arise. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,



Chad Solomon
President
Student Program Board

CRS/bf

Handwritten scribble

18th 1230 →

campus based activities - press

150 people
also in classes

advertising - student
newspaper - fliers

Agency overseas -
what does CIA do -

Role in natl security -
actual duties -

Student Union Bldg
Jungman Univ. Ctr / Youth Center
Main Campus

DC - Cincinnati

5:15 PM → 7:15 AM
everyday

15 / ret
17 / 18

~~29.00~~ coach
\$44.00 RT coach

~~\$50.00~~ first class
116.50 no meals

dining services

Cin → DC

11:32 PM 1:30 PM

Reservation #
71338

pickup by 12 Feb

484-1650

3-3-76
If Chad Solomon, U. of Cincinnati, calls on Friday and I am not here, he'll want to know the following:

a. I will arrive by train the morning of 18 February. Can he refer me to a hotel near campus where I will be able to hang my hat for the day and clean up from the trip? We can make reservations from here if we have name and address of the hotel.

b. I will return at 1130 PM the night of the 18th, by train.

c. I will speak to some classes if I have time.

d. No radio appearance

Washington - AMTRAK

e. Any general instructions on how to reach campus or a meeting place and time? No need for him to meet the train if that is not convenient.

Time → midnight

Buy \$20+ tax

(313) 681-3330
Leadway, No Hawk
Motor Inn
Central Parkway
Near Campus

15 January 1976

(513) 661-0120

Mr. Chad Solomon
President, Student Program Board
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

Dear Mr. Solomon,

Thank you for your letter of January 3.

I am glad to tell you that one of our senior officers will be glad to appear. He suggests that he would prefer February 18 if that works out with you.

If this is in order, please give me a call (703-351-7676) or a note and I will have him get directly in touch with you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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Media Coverage of

[REDACTED]
at U. of Cincinnati, 18 Feb 76

1. On 18 February, the channel 12 11 p.m. news lead its story on the Ford reorganization of intelligence with this line (approximately):

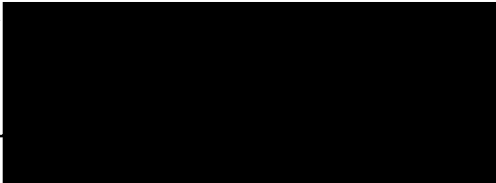
"President Ford announced further details of his plan to reorganize U.S. foreign intelligence functions. Today, at the University of Cincinnati a [REDACTED] said that the Ford recommendations meant that someone would be accountable for covert action."

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2. The 19 February Washington Star ran a picture with caption in its early edition.

3. Other clippings from the Cincinnati press may come in from the program organizer, Chad Soloman.

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Mr. Bush,

I would like to extend my gratitude on behalf of all those people from the University of Cincinnati's Political Science Student Association who were able to talk with one of your members, [REDACTED]. I have personally been interested in the agency for some time and although I am now presently attending the University of Cincinnati, I was accepted to George Washington University. For financial reasons I was not able to attend, but I am familiar with the Washington area. Since I am not in the Washington area I would appreciate any information you would be able to send me concerning applications for employment and, if possible, could you inform me of the places in the Cincinnati area that do conduct interviews.

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Thank You.

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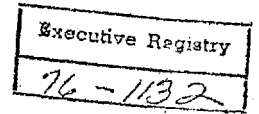
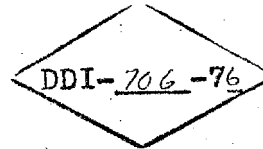
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February 23, 1976

Mr. George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505



Dear Mr. Bush:

Whenever a person does a good job, it is my opinion that he should be commended for it. Recently, an official of the Central Intelligence Agency, [REDACTED], appeared at my school, the University of Cincinnati, on a speaking engagement. Concerning that appearance, I can say only one word: excellent!

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Mr. [REDACTED] gave a very informative look into the structure of the CIA and also answered every question put to him that he knew something about. Many people were disappointed to hear that much of the Agencies effort goes into reading foriegn newspapers instead of plotting the overthrow of foriegn governments. Mr. [REDACTED] said the things that needed to be said, and went a long way in setting the record straight.

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Other than the Socialists and Communists on campus who complain about everything, I heard no speak ill of [REDACTED] or the information he conveyed. I think a lot of people probably went away from their conversations feeling a little bit silly for having believed in some of the propoganda that has been circulating about the CIA for the past year or so. My only complaint is that more schools and people in general can not have the benefit of listening to and talking to somebody like [REDACTED]

I wish to thank you and the Agency for making [REDACTED] available to speak in the manner that he did. You should be aware that you have a very fine employe in [REDACTED]

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I would also like to wish you all the luck and godspeed in the world in the task that confronts you. I am one American that firmly believes in the need and neccessity for the CIA. I just hope this country will never have serious cause to regret the horrible emasculation process that has been performed on the CIA by Congress and the press.

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Sincerely yours,

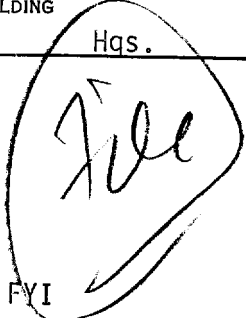
Randall Fort.

Randall Fort
Political Science Major
University of Cincinnati

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3 March 1976

Mr. Randall Fort
7525 Baywind Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Dear Mr. Fort,

Thank you ever so much for the nice letter of
23 February addressed to Director Bush. STATINTL

It is good to hear your report on [REDACTED]
talk in Cincinnati. He is highly regarded here, as you
can easily imagine, and we are glad to hear good things
about him from out in Ohio.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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cc: DDI ✓
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